

Update on River Mile (RM) 10.9 Project

The Lower Passaic River Study Area Cooperating Parties Group (CPG), under the supervision of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is planning to remove approximately 20,000 cubic yards of dredged material from the area near River Mile (RM) 10.9 in Lyndhurst.

Last month, we were informed by bridge owners and operators that the Bridge Street Bridge, which runs between Newark and Harrison, was out of commission as a result of damage sustained during Super Storm Sandy.

We reported to you late last month that, since opening this and several other bridges is essential to implementation of this project, there would be a delay in the start of the dredging work, originally scheduled to begin in early July.

We have now been notified of another minor delay in repair of this bridge related to the delivery and installation of new motors. Working in partnership with the Hudson and Essex Counties, we expect to mobilize the necessary equipment to initiate the work at RM 10.9 project during the early morning hours of Tuesday, July 30. With the assistance of Hudson and Essex Counties, the bridge is anticipated to open and close manually to accommodate this mobilization. Work could then begin after mobilization and the first barge containing dredged material would be transported back down river after the bridge is repaired.

We will keep you informed as we receive more information.

In some of our previous communications with the boating community, we had mentioned a plan in case our work was delayed long enough to affect the Head of the Passaic Regatta scheduled for October. We now expect that implementation of this plan will be necessary. As we stated in the Community Health and Safety Plan, which was approved by the EPA, we expect that work will be stopped and vessels secured away from Regatta activities prior to the start of that weekend.